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| 7   | BEFORE THE   |
| 8   | BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING<br>DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS<br>STATE OF CALIFORNIA   |
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| 10  | In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2013 - 942   |
| 12  | JULIA N. ALLEN AKA JULIA ALLEN   |
| 13  | 2024 Pass Road E T<br>Gulfport, MS 39507  A C C U S A T I O N  |
| 14  | Registered Nurse License No. 573874  |
| 15  | Respondent.  |
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| 17  | Complainant alleges:   |
| 18  | <u>PARTIES</u>   |
| 19  | 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her  |
| 20  | official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of   |
| 21  | Consumer Affairs.  |
| 22  | 2. On or about November 9, 2000, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered   |
| 23  | Nurse License Number 573874 to Julia N. Allen aka Julia Allen ("Respondent"). The Registered   |
| 24  | Nurse License expired on February 29, 2004, and has not been renewed.  |
| 25  | JURISDICTION AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS  |
| 26  | 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"),  |
| 27  | Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section   |
| 28  | references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.   |
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- 4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 6. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Section 2811(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
  - 7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1419.3 provides:

"In the event a licensee does not renew his/her license as provided in Section 2811 of the code, the license expires. A licensee renewing pursuant to this section shall furnish a full set of fingerprints as required by and set out in section 1419(b) as a condition of renewal.

- (a) A licensee may renew a license that has not been expired for more than eight years by paying the renewal and penalty fees as specified in Section 1417 and providing evidence of 30 hours of continuing education taken within the prior two-year period.
- (b) A licensee may renew a license that has been expired for more than eight years by paying the renewal and penalty fees specified in Section 1417 and providing evidence that he or she holds a current valid active and clear registered nurse license in another state, a United States territory, or Canada, or by passing the Board's current examination for licensure."
- 8. Section 2761 of the Code states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another

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California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.

(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act] or regulations adopted pursuant to it."

### **COST RECOVERY**

9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Disciplinary Action by Other Jurisdiction)

- 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(4) of the Code on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was disciplined by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing ("Louisiana Board") and by the Mississippi Board of Nursing ("Mississippi Board"), as follows:
- On or about September 18, 2006, the Louisiana Board issued a Final Order in the disciplinary matter entitled In the Matter of Julia Nemeth Allen, suspending Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Louisiana. The circumstances underlying the disciplinary action by the Louisiana Board are that on or about June 2, 2005, while on duty at Lakeview Regional Medical Center ("LRMC"), Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone 5/APAP 500 for Patient 1 at 2307. Respondent documented administration of this medication at 2329. On June 3, 2005, at 0232, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone 5/APAP 500 for Patient 1. Respondent documented administration of this medication at 0245. The Patient denied requesting or receiving any medication for pain. On or about June 3, 2005, at approximately 0630, staff discovered at least one (1) Hydrocodone 5/APAP 500 missing. Respondent was requested to submit to a urine specimen for drug screen. Respondent was escorted to the Emergency Room to

submit to a urine sample but professed that she was unable to urinate. Respondent went outside to smoke a cigarette and never returned. Respondent was terminated from her employment with LRMC for failure to submit to a urine drug screen.

12. On or about June 4, 2010, the Mississippi Board approved and accepted an Agreed Order accepting the voluntary surrender of her registered nursing license in the disciplinary matter entitled *In the Matter of Mississippi License No. R-871363 issued to Julia Allen*. The circumstances underlying the disciplinary action by the Mississippi Board are that on or about September 18, 2006, the Louisiana Board suspended Respondent's nursing license and ordered Respondent to complete drug related conditions. The disciplinary action by the Louisiana Board is described in more particularity in paragraph 11 above, inclusive and hereby incorporated by reference.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Unprofessional Conduct)

13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a) of the Code on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent failed to submit to a urine drug screen. The conduct is described in more particularity in paragraph 11 above, inclusive and hereby incorporated by reference.

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violation of Nursing Practice Act)

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (d) of the Code in that Respondent violated provisions of the nursing practice act. The violations are described in more particularity in paragraphs 10 through 13 above, inclusive and hereby incorporated by reference.

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### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 573874, issued to Julia N. Allen aka Julia Allen;
- 2. Ordering Julia N. Allen aka Julia Allen to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: April 22, 2013

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant

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